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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

CONF. NO. 1344

In re the application of:)
Hiroaki SAEKI, et al.) Group Art Unit: 3654
Application No.: 10/048,012) Examiner: Brahan, T.
Filing Date: 01/25/2002)

For: TRANSFER SYSTEM FOR OBJECT TO BE PROCESSED

REPLY BRIEF ON APPEAL

December 12, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper responds to the EXAMINER'S ANSWER dated October 12, 2006.

EXAMINER ANSWER PARAGRAPH (10) RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS

In the Examiner's Answer at page 6, lines 19-20, the Examiner states: "However, these features are not claimed by appellant either." Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 1 requires "...a carrier which is mounted on a top face of a load unit." The term "mounted" requires that the carrier C does not move with respect to the load port unit L.

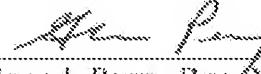
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In view of this comment, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider his position.

If any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this Amendment, such as fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, please charge the fees to Deposit Account 02-4300; Order No. 033082.116.

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